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Dear Judge Kollar-Kotelly;

Like most people, I was too busy with everything from the approaching holidays to the war (not to mention making the quarter) to pay much attention to the PFJ. But over the past couple weeks I've had a chance to study this proposed Agreement a bit more - and what I've found has really shocked me.

For some reason the Justice Department seems to have ignored ALL the court findings in the case (over the past three years every single court involved found that MS had aggressively abused its monopoly position for its own competitive advantage - which is no great news to anyone in the software industry). But in fact the DoJ has basically agreed not only to NOT penalize MS for its long-standing antitrust abuses, but to actually grant MS a de-facto monopoly in our industry going forward. I don't have to tell you what a disaster this would be for all of us that are NOT Microsoft minions (and especially for those of us working with or dependant upon Java, Linux, AOL, the Mac...or indeed ANY non-Microsoft code base or service).

The good news is that you can still do something about this impending disaster before it's too late.

I tend to get pretty involved when I believe deeply in something. And I sincerely believe that the PFJ is a potential disaster for all non-Microsoft players, big and small, in our industry, and potentially for consumers and for our nation as well. As much as I love the current Administration, our Justice Department fumbled the ball on this one.

Thank you for helping to correct the very, very serious flaws in the PFJ.

Sincerely;

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